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| ARMSTRONG | | Game 1 | | | | | | | | | | NORTH GEORGIA | |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|--|
| 4 | Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E | 3 | |
| | ARMSTRONG (24-4-1, 7-2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1 | | |
| | NORTH GEORGIA (30-8, 10-3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | | |

| ARMSTRONG | | Game 2 | | | | | | | | | | NORTH GEORGIA | |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|---------------|--|
| 13 | Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | R | H | E | 5 | |
| | ARMSTRONG (25-4) | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 13 | 2 | | |
| | NORTH GEORGIA (30-9) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 5 | | |





Posted: Mar 29, 2013



DAHLONEGA, Ga. - The No. 4-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University softball squad swept a key Peach Belt Conference doubleheader from No. 6-ranked North Georgia on Friday night at The Hill in Dahlonega, Ga. The Pirates edged the Saints in game one, 4-3, then used a big seven-run second inning to take game two, 13-5.

The Pirates improved to 25-4-1 on the season and 8-2 in the Peach Belt Conference with the victory, while North Georgia fell to 30-9 overall and 10-4 in the Peach Belt. It was the first doubleheader sweep for Armstrong over North Georgia since 2006 and it was the first doubleheader sweep of a Top 10-ranked opponent since a doubleheader sweep of then-No. 4 Francis Marion on April 12, 2008.

Game one began with the Pirates taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning on a two-run double by **Andrea Dalton**. North Georgia tied things up in the bottom of the fifth inning on an RBI groundout by

Game 1

| BATTING |
|--------------------|
| ARMSTRONG |
| 2B: Andrea Dalton |
| 3B: none |
| HR: Andrea Dalton |
| NORTH GEORGIA |
| 2B: none |
| 3B: Tiffanie Burns |
| HR: none |

FULL STATS

Taylor Ann Merritt and an RBI single by Karlie Gilliam, but the Priates retook the lead in the top of the sixth on a two-run home run by Dalton.

A triple by North Georgia's Tiffanie Burns made it a 4-3 game in the bottom of the sixth, but **Megan Barnwell** (15-3) finished off the Saints with a scoreless seventh for the complete-game victory. Barnwell hurled seven innings of five-hit, three-run ball, walking two while striking out four for the victory.

Courtney Poole (18-5) took the loss in game one for the Saints, giving up three hits and two runs in 3 2/3 innings of relief, walking two while striking out two.

Dalton finished the game 2-for3 with four RBIs for the Pirates, while North Georgia was led by Burns' two hits.

In game two, the Pirates took advantage of a pair of North Georgia errors for a big seven-run second inning en route to the 13-5 win.

Haley Ellis and **Shelby Duff** notched RBI singles to give the Pirates two runs in the inning, then an error by shortstop Tiffanie Burns extended the inning, allowing Armstrong to plate five more runs - two on a two-run double by **Hannah Reppert** and two more on RBI singles by **Alexis Mercer** and **Heather Ellis**.

An RBI single by North Georgia's Rochelle Shuman in the fourth inning, then a four-run fifth inning - keyed by a three-run triple by Kayla Minger - brought the host Saints back to within two runs, 7-5, but Armstrong put the game out of reach with a three-run sixth inning, highlighted by a two-run home run by Haley Ellis, and a two-run seventh inning on a two-run shot by Mercer.

Shelby Duff (7-1) notched the win for the Pirates in game two, hurling 4 1/3 innings of four-hit ball, giving up five runs and three walks while striking out two. **Rachel Reynolds** notched her first collegiate save with 2 2/3 innings of shutout ball, walking one while striking out one.

Melissa Dickie (9-4) took the loss for the Saints in game two, giving up 12 hits and 11 runs - four earned - in six innings of work, walking one while striking out two.

Mercer, Reppert and Haley Ellis all drove in three runs for the Pirates in game two, while North Georgia was led by Minger's two hits and three RBIs.

Armstrong returns to action on Saturday, visiting PBC newcomer Young Harris for a 1:00 p.m. PBC doubleheader in Young Harris, Ga.

Game 2

| BATTING |
|--------------------------------|
| ARMSTRONG |
| 2B: Hannah Reppert |
| 3B: none |
| HR: Alexis Mercer; Haley Ellis |
| NORTH GEORGIA |
| 2B: Minger |
| 3B: Minger |
| HR: none |

FULL STATS



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